IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: TAKADA, Kazuhiko

Serial No.: 09/528,296

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FOR: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING A GUARD RING

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: January 30, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2002 for one-month from January 1, 2003 to February 1, 2003.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$860.00 to cover the cost of the basic filing fee for a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a one-month extension for a Large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340. Two copies of this paper are enclosed herewith.

Respectfully Submitted,

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